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Indiana Students Combine Sports and Technology at the FIRST World Championship in Atlanta

ATLANTA – April 30, 2006 –The **FIRST** Robotics Competition (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) is an exciting, multinational competition that teams professionals and young people to solve an engineering design problem in an intense and competitive way. The program is a life-changing, career-molding experience—and a lot of fun. In 2006, the competition will reached over 28,000 high-school-aged young people on over 1,125 teams in 33 regional events. Teams came from Brazil, Canada, Ecuador, Israel, Mexico, the U.K., and almost every U.S. state. The competitions are high-tech spectator sporting events, the result of lots of focused brainstorming, real-world teamwork, dedicated mentoring, project timelines, and deadlines.

The event had 344 teams all questing for the title of **FIRST WORLD CHAMPIONS**. Indiana teams that qualified and participated in the **FIRST** World Championship this year in Atlanta's Georgia Dome on April 27-29, 2006 included:

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| • Team 45 | TecknoKats | Kokomo HS |
| • Team 71 | Team Hammond | Hammond City Schools |
| • Team 135 | Black Knights | Penn HS |
| • Team 234 | CyberBlue | Perry Meridian HS |
| • Team 292 | Panther Tech | Western HS |
| • Team 447 | Mr. Roboto | Anderson Schools |
| • Team 461 | Westside Boiler Invasion | West Lafayette HS |
| • Team 868 | Tech Hounds | Carmel HS |
| • Team 1024 | Kill-A-Bytes | McKenzie Career Center |
| • Team 1272 | Tyrannikal Mechanicals | Bloomington Robotics |
| • Team 1646 | Precision Guesswork's | Lafayette Jefferson HS |
| • Team 1747 | Harrison Boiler Robotics | Harrison HS (West Lafayette) |



Indiana teams that received awards at this year's championship are:

- Team 71 Divisional Semi-Finalist
- Team 135 Divisional Quarter-Finalist
- Team 234 Divisional Quarter-Finalist and KPC&B Entrepreneurship Award
- Team 461 Championship Website Award www.boilerinvasion.org
- Team 868 Divisional Quarter-Finalist and Xerox Creativity Award
- Team 1646 Divisional Quarter-Finalist
- Team 266 FLL Director's Award

VEX Robotics Championship

- Team 124 Wayne Township Robotics Club Indianapolis
- Team 257 Valparaiso High School Valparaiso

FIRST Lego League Championship (FLL)

- Team 266 Central Space Lab Kokomo

More information about **FIRST** can be found at www.usfirst.org